PRESENT—*cont.*

Siva Rao, Mr. P.
Sivasubrahmanya Ayyar, Mr. K. S.
Soundarapandian, Mr. W. P. A.
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. R.
Srinivasan, Rao Sahib R.
Subrahmanya Moopanar, Mr. S.
Subrahmanya Pillai, Mr. Chavadi K.
Swami, Mr. K. V. R.
Tajudin Sahib Bahadur, Syed.
Thomas, Mr. D.
Tulasiram, Mr. L. K.
Uppi Sahib Bahadur, K.
Vanavudaiya Gounder, Mr. S. V.
Venkatapati Raju, Mr. P. C.
Venkataramana Ayyangar, Mr. C. V.
Venkatarangam Nayudu, Mr. C.
Venkataratnam, Mr. B.
Venkiah, Mr. S.
Watson, I.C.S., Mr. H. A.
Wood, Mr. C. E.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram.
Zamindar of Seithur.
Zamindar of Singampatti.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Agriculture

Establishment of properly regulated markets for the sale of special crops.

*151 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Provincial Cotton Committee, Madras, at its meeting held on 5th February 1929 passed a resolution recommending to the Government of Madras the undertaking of special legislation for the establishment of properly regulated markets for the sale of special crops to protect the interests alike of the grower and the consumer ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any and, if so, what action thereon and, if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The resolution is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the Government are still considering the matter ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know how long this matter has been before the Government ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Only recently."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask when the Bill is likely to be introduced ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" A Bill has been drawn up and it has been sent to the Director of Agriculture for remarks."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether this Bill would affect the cotton crop only ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" It will affect all the crops but primarily cotton."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" Jaggery also ? " .

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Yes."

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I enquire when the reference was made to the Director of Agriculture ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"A few days ago."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know whether the Director of Agriculture is a drafting officer to the Government ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"We have sent the Bill for remarks. We want to have information from him about sale of cotton, etc."

Admissions to the Agricultural College at Coimbatore from each district.

*152 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement showing the number of candidates admitted to the Agricultural College at Coimbatore from each district in the Presidency in 1927, 1928 and 1929?

A.—The statement[a] is appended.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"I am referring to the table appended. With reference to Kurnool district I find that during the last year only three candidates were admitted and for the previous two years no candidates were selected. I wish to know whether there were no applicants at all in the previous years or whether they were not selected."

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"May I know whether, in admitting hereafter students into this college, some preference will be shown to students coming from districts which were poorly represented in the past ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Due representation will be given to all the districts."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"For instance there were no students for the past three years from the West Godavari district. May I know whether at least hereafter some preference will be shown to students coming from that district ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"There were students from the West Godavari district for the past three years."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I find that no student was admitted from Bellary last year. Is the hon. Minister aware that there were eligible students for admission, that they applied and they were refused admission ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"I am not aware of it, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I ask whether the hon. Minister will issue instructions that students from Bellary, Kurnool, Cuddapah and Anantapur may be given a little more consideration in the matter of admission ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Instructions have already been issued that selections may be carefully made."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 424 infra.